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#### On the Cover

The crowd spans the width of the U.S Capitol during the 58th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20. During the inauguration, Donald Trump was sworn-in as the 45th president. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick Kelley)

### Message from the Adjutant General

ince the last edition of the Dakota Pack was published we welcomed home 38 Soldiers from the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade from their 10-month deployment to Kuwait. The element, which was commanded by Lt. Col. Doug Bogenhagen, worked from two separate locations and they surpassed all mission requirements during the deployment. Families were thrilled to get their Soldiers home just prior to Christmas. Bogenhagen was promoted to full colonel during the March drill.

I'm excited to announce that we've been notified that the South Dakota Army National Guard will be either the overall winner or runner-up (first place gold division) in the 2016 Army Communities of Excellence competition. We will travel to Washington, D.C. in May for the award presentation that will take place in the Pentagon. This makes two years in a row that we've finished in the top two in the nation!

The 133 Soldiers from the 235th Military Police Company and 17 Airmen from the 114th Security Forces Squadron who traveled to Washington, D.C. to help provide security for the 58th Presidential Inauguration got a big thrill when our own commander in chief, took the time to pay them a personal visit. Gov. Dennis Daugaard and First Lady Linda Daugaard were in Washington to attend the inaugural and traveled to where our troops were training. That is yet another great example of how Gov. Daugaard appreciates the hard work and dedication of the South Dakota National Guard.

It was a pleasure to host our state legislators at the 33rd Dining Out in Pierre, Feb. 2. The event was attended by over 500 Soldiers, Airmen, family members, retirees and legislators this year. I want to congratulate Brig. Gen. (Ret) R. James Clifft on his selection as recipient of the Williamson Militiaman Award for the hundreds of hours he dedicated in promoting the 114th Fighter Wing as a candidate base for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. The Rapid City Police Department was awarded the Pro Patria Award for the outstanding support they provide to service member employees. The Totten family received the SDNG Adjutant General's Family Award for the tremendous support they have given to our organization at numerous events over the last several years.

I want to congratulate Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler who was selected as the state's command chief warrant officer and was installed during a change of responsibility ceremony with the outgoing command chief, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lonny Hofer, in Pierre, Feb. 4. Chief Dressler will do an outstanding job in this new role. We bid farewell to Chief Hofer as he completes an amazing 42-year career in the SDARNG. I was fortunate to have worked closely with Chief Hofer on several occasions over the years and he was always known to be a hardworking, professional and friendly Soldier who made every unit he was assigned to, better than it was before.

I would also like to congratulate Chief Master Sgt. Michael J. Clauson who assumed his new position at the 114th Fighter Wing as the wing's new command chief master sergeant during an assumption ceremony at Joe Foss Field, Jan. 7. He replaces Chief Master Sgt. Dean L. Hillberg, who performed those duties for the past three years. Chief Hillberg had a terrific career and I wish him the very best in his retirement.

Congratulations are also in order for Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese who was selected as the deputy to the commanding general of the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. This is what is known as a "dual hat position," which means that he will continue to occupy a general officer position in the state, in Gen. Griese's case, assistant adjutant general Army. Fort Leonard Wood is indeed fortunate to have an individual with Gen. Griese's knowledge

and experience to perform this important role.

A couple months ago we learned that the 114th Fighter Wing was not included on the short list of fighter bases that will receive site visits in the next phase of the F-35 basing process. This came as a huge disappointment because there's not a more professional, competent or reliable fighter wing in the Air Force than the



114th. It's interesting to me that the basing criteria used to score the 18 bases in contention for the F-35 in this round did not award a single point for a wing's ability to man, train and perform their critical mission. Virtually all of the criteria were based on physical factors (runway size, weather, airspace, hangar sizes, encroachment, distance from ranges, etc...) and none on human factors, which in my view are far more important. The Airmen of the 114th are far superior to those in other units. That's been proven over and over and over in the countless awards they've earned. There is no question in my mind that we will be flying the new fighters someday. It's just a matter of when the Air Force finally builds enough planes to properly equip all of its fighter wings.

I just returned from a week of meetings in Washington, D.C. There is a spirit of optimism there that the defense budget will be enhanced by the Trump Administration, but exactly how that plays out remains to be seen. The world that we live in is a dangerous place. That requires that the United States properly man, train and equip its forces so we can adequately protect our country and our allies as well. The Budget Control Act has required that the services cut their budgets, which has resulted in significant reductions to troop numbers in all branches of the military. The National Guard has not been excluded from those cuts. I understand the need for fiscal responsibility, but if we cannot adequately protect this nation from our enemies it won't matter how much debt we have. I sincerely hope that the Congress will keep that in mind as they work through the budget process in the months ahead.

In closing, I once again ask for your continued support for the safety and wellbeing of all of our Soldiers and Airmen, whether serving at home or abroad. I am extremely grateful for your service as well as for the contributions that our families and employers make. Our state and nation are forever in your debt.

Sincerely.

Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch

The Adjutant General

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## Message from the State Command Chief Master Sgt.

In the last issue of the Dakota Pack, Command Sgt. Maj. Hoekman gave us some history of the South Dakota Army National Guard's "Coyote" patch, so with the assistance of Senior Master Sgt. Nancy Ausland, I thought I would give a little insight into the patch that represents the South Dakota Air National Guard.

The 175th Fighter Squadron patch with the recognizable "lobo" has been a long standing part of the heritage of the SDANG. In a Department of the Air Force memorandum dated 9 February 1949, Subject: Aircraft Marking for the 175th Fighter Squadron, SE, South Dakota Air National Guard to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, was the very first reference to the unit's use of the coyote or lobo as an insignia.



"In accordance with authority contained in AF Regulation 35-22, 3 August 1945, and Section IV, NGB Air Memorandum 65-2, 5 January 1948, the following insignia for the marking of aircraft for the 175th Fighter Squadron, SE, South Dakota Air National Guard, is approved:

DESCRIPTION: On a medium blue disc, the head, shoulders, and forepaw of a coyote, black and gray, issuing from sinister side with fangs bared, proper, eyes white and yellow, resting forepaw on gray-black hills in base, as per record drawing.

The insignia will face toward the front of the aircraft.

SIGNIFICANCE: The coyote, an animal often associated with the State of South Dakota and used on its National Guard regimental crests, is significant of a fighter squadron, at all times ready to guard, defend, and attack, if necessary."

By the early 1970's, the coyote had taken on a new shape that resembled

the "Wile E. Coyote" cartoon character from the Looney Tunes and Merrie Melodies cartoons. The F-100 Super Sabre and the early A-7D's displayed a version of this coyote on their tail until approximately the late 1970's when the coyote was taken off the tail of the A-7D and was replaced with an outline version of Mount Rushmore.

By mid-late 1970's, the Air Force required all flying units to select a permanent tactical call sign for each unit. The parameters were that it be no more than two or three syllables, clear and easy to understand. Lobo was an easy choice, especially since the prairie wolf was just a

bigger, meaner brother to the coyote traditionally associated with the SDNG. This was the beginning of our transition from recognizing the coyote to now the wolf as our unit's mascot.

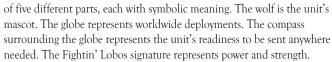
Since the unit adopted the call sign "Lobo" it became apparent it was time to adapt a new patch and in 1982, the 175th FS looked to artist Carl Grupp to create a new lobo patch. This is the



lobo that still graces the patch today.

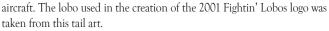
Although the 175th still uses the lobo patch designed by Grupp, the 114th Fighter Wing as a whole adopted the new "Fightin' Lobo" logo created by the Master Sgt. Donald McLeer in August 2001. This logo became the newest symbol of the 114th FW and is still used to this day.

The Fightin' Lobo logo is made up



One of the more unique features of the new logo is the inscription on the bottom of the globe, SUB UMBRA \*\*ARUM TAURUM. This Latin phrase translates as "beneath the shadow of my wings."

As a side note, the current tail art used by the SDANG was originally designed by Rapid City artist, Peggy Detmers, and came in 1991 with our conversion to the F-16



Over the years the uniform worn by the SDANG has changed and with the exception of our outstanding pilots, we no longer wear a distinctive unit patch. However, I feel it is important that we know the history of our great organization and the significance of our distinctive lobos patch which still represents the SDANG.



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State Command Chief Master Sgt. Jean Gacke

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#### Eskam takes command of the 114th Maintenance Squadron



SIOUX FALLS - Lt. Col. Brandon Eskam, South Dakota Air National Guard, assumed command of the 114th Maintenance Squadron from Lt. Col. Travis Boltjes at a change of command ceremony at Joe Foss Field, Feb. 5.

Col. Joel Degroot, 114th Maintenance Group commander, presided over the ceremony and passed the 114th MXS guidon from Boltjes, outgoing commander, to incoming commander Eskam.

Boltjes will return to active duty and work at the Pentagon.

#### 114th Fighter Wing gets new command chief

SIOUX FALLS -Chief Master Sgt. Michael Clauson, South Dakota Air National Guard. assumed a new role at the 114th Fighter Wing as the unit's new wing command chief master sergeant during an assumption ceremony at Joe Foss Field, Jan. 7.



Chief Master Sgt. Michael Clauson

Clauson was selected by Col. Nathan Alholinna, 114th FW commander, to replace Chief Master Sgt. Dean Hillberg, who held the position as the highest enlisted member of the organization for the past three years and retired at the end of 2016.

As the command chief for the 114th FW, Clauson is responsible for advising his superiors on quality-of-life issues and matters relating to the enlisted Airmen of the unit, among other duties.

Clauson enlisted into the Air National Guard in July 1996 as a firefighter. After 14 vears as a firefighter, he was selected as the 114th Civil Engineer Squadron first sergeant. He served as first sergeant for three years where he enhanced his institutional competencies and military doctrine.

"I embraced the first sergeant motto of 'My job is people, everyone is my business,' and that reinforced my ability to serve my Airmen,"

Clauson's most recent position before selection as the new wing command chief was as the 114th FW human resource advisor.

"I am prepared to serve as our next command chief and I believe I have been preparing for this for the past 20 years," Clauson said. "I'm excited to serve in this capacity and truly look forward to all the great things our Airmen will do."

#### Schmitz assumes senior NCO duties for 152nd



PIERRE - Command Sgt. Maj. Chadwick Schmitz, of Pierre, assumed responsibility of the senior noncommissioned officer position in the South Dakota Army National Guard's 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion during a ceremony at the Pierre National Guard armory, Jan. 8.

Schmitz assumed duties from Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Harkin, of Brandon, who served in the position since 2012.

"I feel like I'm home again," said Schmitz. "I came to the 152nd as the headquarters readiness NCO in 2007 and helped build the unit from roughly five people to what it is now. This is an awesome unit, I'm very glad and proud to be here.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Harkin has left some very big shoes for me to fill," continued Schmitz. "This unit has been successful at everything it has ever done, and I know it will continue to be successful."

#### 114th misses site survey list for F-35 fighter

SIOUX FALLS - The 114th Fighter Wing at Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls has not been selected for a site survey as a candidate base for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

The Air Force has selected five of 18

locations under consideration for the next round of F-35 basing. The 114th Fighter Wing was not among the five ANG units announced by Air Force officials in December.

The site survey would have been the next step in a long process for the 114th Fighter Wing to be selected as one of two Air National Guard basing locations for the F-35. The 114th Fighter Wing has a long and storied history of flying fighter aircraft and will continue to fly the F-16C Block 40.

"We are disappointed but know we are an outstanding unit among an outstanding community," said Col. Nathan Alholinna, 114th Fighter Wing commander.

#### Griese named deputy commanding general of US Army MSCoE

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. - Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese assumed responsibility as the next deputy commanding general - Army National Guard, U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center

of Excellence, during a ceremony at Fort Leonard Wood, Dec. 2.

Griese, who also serves as the assistant adjutant general of the South Dakota Army National Guard, will serve in the dual-hat assignment and be an advisor to Maj. Gen. Kent Savre commanding Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese general, U.S. Army



MSCoE, for all Army National Guard issues.

"I am honored to have been selected for this position," said Griese. "There are a lot of strategic topics currently being addressed within the Army National Guard and I'm looking forward to participating in the process as we shape the future of our organization."

The mission of the MSCoE is to deliver total Army Engineer, CBNRE, Military Police, and Maneuver Support capabilities to enable success across the range of military operations.

"MSCoE is also the proponent for maneuver enhancement brigades," said Griese. "There are 16 MEBs within the Army Guard force...which are a relevant, viable units. We must continue to help the Army understand the value of MEBs and what they bring to the fight."

Griese was selected for the assignment through a NGB nominations process that seeks to fill a number of limited key leadership positions nationwide where National Guard qualifications, service and experience is desired.

## 196th MEB Soldiers welcomed home from Kuwait



(Photo by 1st Lt. Chad Calrson)

Thirty-eight Soldiers from South Dakota Army National Guard's 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade arrive back in Sioux Falls, Dec. 14, after returning from duty in Kuwait. The Sioux Falls-based unit returned from a 10-month deployment where the Soldiers oversaw security and force protection operations at several bases.

#### Story by SDNG Public Affairs Office

SIOUX FALLS - Thirty-eight Soldiers from the South Dakota Army National Guard's 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade were welcomed home by family and friends at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, Dec. 14, after returning from duty in Kuwait.

The Sioux Falls-based unit returned home in time for the holidays after a 10-month deployment where the Soldiers oversaw security, force protection and base life-support operations at several installations in the country.

"I've got four kids at home so this is going to be a big surprise for them," said Capt. Bracken Robinson. "I can't wait to get home and see them. It's very important to be able to spend the holidays together."

U.S. Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds, along with Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general of the SDNG, were in attendance to welcome the Soldiers home.

"We're blessed to live in the greatest country in the world - and it doesn't happen by chance - it happened by service," Thune said. "Your hard work, loyalty, dedication, skill, talent and experience are brought to bear when we send you out - deploy you - into various places in the world to defend America's freedoms."

The ceremony concluded with Lt. Col. Douglas Bogenhagen, mission commander, giving thanks to the Soldiers, family members and supporters in attendance.

LEFT: U.S. Senators
John Thune, left, and
Mike Rounds welcome
home 38 Soldiers from
the 196th Maneuver
Enhancement Brigade at
the Sanford Pentagon
after a 10-month
deployment to Kuwait.
(Photo by lst Lt. Chad Carlson

RIGHT: Soldiers from the 196th MEB stand to be recognized during the unit "roll call" as family and friends look on during the unit's welcomed home ceremony. (Photo by Ist L. Chad Carlson) "Your support provided us the courage and determination to meet and exceed all of our mission requirements," Bogenhagen said. "Your thoughts and prayers energized our efforts on a daily basis. Our friends, families and employers are the true heroes and the reason we truly wear this uniform – and proudly wear this uniform.

"We returned healthy, united, proud, and satisfied that our mission was completed to the best our ability."

The Kuwait deployment completes the second mobilization for the 196th since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The unit first deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010-2011.





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CW5 Dressler appointed as new state command chief warrant officer

Story by SDNG Public Affairs Office

RAPID CITY - The South Dakota Army National Guard announced Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler, of Rapid City, as the new state command chief warrant officer.

A change of responsibility ceremony was held between Dressler and the outgoing command chief, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lonny Hofer, in Pierre, Feb. 4.

Dressler becomes the seventh state command chief warrant officer for the SDARNG since the position was established in 1999.

"It is exciting and very humbling to be selected as the seventh command chief warrant officer for the South Dakota Army National Guard," said Dressler. "I look forward to working with all levels of leadership to ensure that commanders have knowledgeable, trained and deployable warrant officers in their formations to support the state and federal missions."

Hofer served in the position since May 2015 and retired with more than 42 years of military service.

"I would like to thank Chief Hofer for his mentorship, leadership and most importantly his friendship," said Dressler. "He is truly one of the finest and most professional warrant officers in the United States Army National Guard. I wish him well in his retirement."

As the state command chief, Dressler will serve as the senior warrant officer advisor to the adjutant general of the SDNG. He will serve under the direction of the adjutant general to address warrant officer development and strength management of the Warrant Officer Cohort.

Dressler will be responsible for keeping the adjutant general informed and make recommendations in matters of warrant officer recruiting, morale, welfare, schooling, promotion and retention. He will also oversee a Warrant Officer Advisory Committee and serve as the spokesperson to advise the adjutant general and the chain of command on warrant officer management.

Dressler began his military service in January 1984 when he enlisted in the SDARNG with the 854th Engineer Company in Wagner. He spent the next 12 years in numerous enlisted positions with the 854th, 1007th Quartermaster Company, 211th Engineer



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Trobee)

U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler, right, incoming state command chief warrant officer for the South Dakota Army National Guard, receives the ceremonial saber from Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese, assistant adjutant general of the SDARNG, during a change of responsibility ceremony in Pierre, Feb. 4.





Company, 88th Troop Command and State Area Command Headquarters – attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

He received his appointment as a warrant officer in September 1995. Throughout his career, Dressler served in positions such as officer and enlisted personnel manager, force integration/readiness officer and active guard/reserve manager with Joint Force Headquarters in Rapid City.

Dressler deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

Dressler has been employed by the SDARNG for 28 years and currently works in the human resource office as the AGR manager for Joint Force Headquarters.

LEFT: U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lonny Hofer, right, outgoing state command chief warrant officer for the South Dakota Army National Guard, is congratulated by Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese, assistant adjutant general of the SDARNG, on his retirement and over 42 years or military service.

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Trobee)

## Total Force Integration brings active duty pilot to SD

Story by Staff Sgt. Duane Duimstra 114th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

SIOUX FALLS – Capt. Patrick Harrington, a U.S. Air Force F-16 pilot assigned to the 378th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, Wis., is currently stationed at Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls, S.D. and flying with the 175th Fighter Squadron, South Dakota Air National Guard.

With the Total Force Integration program, Harrington is one of many active duty Airmen who are assigned to Air National Guard units around the country.

The purpose of the Total Force Integration program is to utilize the unique aspects that the Air National Guard provides to help train and give experience to new active duty pilots and aircrew.

"Active duty is encountering a problem where they cannot generate enough sorties and provide experienced instructor pilots to meet the demand," said Col. Quenten Esser, 114th Operations Group commander. "The Air National Guard provides the sortie generation capability and an experienced cadre of instructors and flight leads to help younger pilots gain experience."

Harrington, originally from Duluth, Ga., is on his first assignment after completing his specialized undergraduate pilot training.

"I've been here just over a year," said Harrington. "I will be here for another year and a half to two years to complete my three year tour."

While flying with the 175th Fighter Squadron, Harrington also serves as assistant chief of standardization and evaluation. He is an alert qualified pilot and will be contributing to our on-going Aerospace Control Alert commitment.

Harrington has built a good relationship with the full-time Guardsmen he works and interacts with daily. However, he had to get used to working with traditional guardsmen and learn how the ANG operates.

"With any new assignment, there is a steep learning curve," said Esser.

The ANG's unique terms like DSG (drill status Guardsman), traditional Guardsman, technician and AGR (Active Guard Reserve) are now part of Capt. Harrington's every day vernacular.

Having no experience working with the ANG before, Harrington said he is enjoying the more casual atmosphere that the SDANG has.

"The casual approach that the Guard has is



LEFT: Capt. Patrick
Harrington, a U.S.
Air Force F-16 pilot
assigned to the 378th
Fighter Squadron,
Truax Field, Wis., is
currently stationed
at Joe Foss Field in
Sioux Falls and flying
with the 175th Fighter
Squadron in the Total
Force Integration
program. (Photo by Senior
Master Sqt. Nancy Ausland)

BELOW: U.S. Air Force Capt. Patrick Cheto Harrington, F-16 pilot assigned to the 378th Fighter Squadron, Truax Field, Wis., and Senior Master Sgt. Shawn Emerson, 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, look over forms assigned to an F-16 aircraft.

(Photo by High-G Productions)



great," said Harrington. "It makes it easier for Airmen, officers and enlisted, to communicate with each other to get the job done and accomplish the mission."

Even though he is the only active duty Airman currently assigned to the unit, Harrington has established a good relationship with his fellow Airmen and his experience is something he will take with him as he continues his journey in the Air Force.

"My experience has been great," said Harrington. "I've had the opportunity to see a different side of the Air Force that I wouldn't have otherwise seen."



SIOUX FALLS - The 114th Fighter Wing is preparing to send Airmen on Reserve Component Period deployments.

The RCP is a vulnerability period where Air National Guard Airmen may be mobilized under numerous mobilization authorities.

These deployments, up to 180 days to several locations around the world, have kept support personnel busy the past few months ensuring that Airmen are ready.

The RCP has replaced the once familiar Air Expeditionary Force rotation within the ANG.

Master Sgt. Bridget VanLiere, 114th Force Support Squadron installation personnel readiness technician, is one of the key members who ensures these Airmen are prepared for their RCP deployments.

Preparation for more than 100 Airmen deploying with the RCP started approximately 18 months before they're scheduled to leave.

"My role is to ensure each Airmen meets all requirements to deploy," said VanLiere. "I set out a plan to use the 18 months to get them ready to accomplish all deployment requirements in advance of their actual departure."

Each deployed location has unique reporting instructions that are a set of rules and requirements the location has established Airmen must adhere to. Reporting instructions are the source document for all preparation for deploying Airmen.

Along with the reporting instructions, each Airmen must also follow guidelines for their respective career fields at their deployed location.

"I work with work centers to ensure all required training and CBT's (computer-based training) are accomplished, Airmen have all required equipment and uniforms, all medical requirements are met and orders

are completed in a timely manner," said VanLiere.

Having to know the reporting instructions for several different locations is a challenge, but says she really enjoys it.

"The constant changes to the requirements is pretty challenging but it is also my favorite part," said VanLiere.

The 114th Fighter Wing Airmen will be departing for the RCP deployments throughout 2017.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Duane Duimstra)

Master Sgt. Bridget VanLiere, 114th Force Support Squadron installation personnel readiness, briefs 114th Fighter Wing Airmen about the upcoming Reserve Component Period deployment.



SIOUX FALLS – In preparation for upcoming unit deployments, more than 120 members from the 114th Fighter Wing attended Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program events in Sioux Falls, Feb. 4.

The YRRP is a Department of Defensewide effort to promote the well-being of National Guard and Reserve members, their families and communities, by connecting them with local resources before, during and after deployments.

"For pre-deployment training we really work on building capacity around understanding one another," said Chief Master Sgt. Jennifer Reecy, Headquarters, SDANG personnel superintendent.
"Providing these common experiences with

U.S. Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jennifer Reecy, Headquarters, SDANG, conducts 4-Lenses training for a Yellow Ribbon Reintegration event at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, Feb. 4. The YRRP is a Department of Defense-wide effort to promote the well-being of National Guard members, their families and communities, by connecting them with local resources before, during, and after deployments. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Luke Olson)

family members going through these different types of preparations allows them to be more open to how each other sees the world."

The YRRP events provide on-site counseling, resiliency training, and even some non-traditional training based on local resources. These resources include but are not limited to: healthcare, counseling, education, employment, chaplain services, financial and legal benefits.

During the event, Reecy conducted 4 Lenses training, which works to promote successful

relationships at home or in the work environment.

Reecy said the aim point is to increase the service member's and family member's ability to be resilient.

"I think the greatest value of being resilient is knowing that you are going to make it out on the other end," said Reecy. "If we don't work toward finding commonplace in our relationships and build resiliency then we become suspect to moving backwards in the face of adversity."



(Photo by Staff Sot, Luke Olson)

114th Fighter Wing service members and their family members participate in 4-lenses training as part of pre-deployment preparations at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, Feb. 4.



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U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Mathieson Smith, 114th Maintenance Squadron quality assurance inspector, participates in Battle Flag resiliency training as part of pre-deployment preparations.



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## A MILITARY TRADITION

## SD National Guard hosts 33rd annual Dining-Out

Story by SDNG Public Affairs Office

he South Dakota National Guard hosted its 2017 Dining-Out at. the Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center in Pierre, Feb. 2. The annual event brings together Guardsmen from across the state for a formal evening to honor the organization's history and to recognize individual and unit achievements from the past year. The atmosphere, while formal, includes deep-rooted traditions which lighten the mood and provide both members and guests not only plenty of laughs, but a chance to learn some of the organization's history, traditions and an opportunity to recognize individual and unit achievements.

A video highlighting the many accomplishments made by the men and women of the SDNG in 2016 was shown in addition to comments from Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, the SDNG adjutant general. The National Guard also recognized a family, an employer and a public servant with awards recognizing their contributions to the SDNG mission.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Heather Trobee)

The Rapid City Police Department receives the South Dakota Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve Pro Patria Award during the South Dakota National Guard Dining-Out in Pierre, Feb. 2. The award is presented by Gov. Dennis Daugaard to Police Chief Karl Jegeris and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Hall, a members of the SDNG and a police sergeant in Rapid City, who nominated his employer for the award. Also pictured, from left, is Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general of the SDNG, and Mr. Ron Mielke, ESGR-SD chair.

#### Pro Patria Award - Rapid City Police Department

The awards portion of the evening began by presenting the Rapid City Police Department with the South Dakota Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Pro Patria Award.

The Pro Patria Award is presented annually to one employer in the state who provides exceptional support of our national defense through leadership practices and personnel policies that support employees serving in the National Guard or Reserve.

"The Rapid City Police Department realizes the importance of a strong force and provides support and opportunities to members of the Armed Forces," said Maj. Lona Christensen, executive director for the SD ESGR committee.

They actively recruit National Guard and Reserve members to be part of the department and have created a formal policy for military deployment and reintegration to better support their employees during periods of military service. Each deploying employee has a primary point of contact assigned to them and their family to be a resource for the family, maintain communication with the service member and help keep the chief informed regarding the needs and wellness of the service member and family.

The Rapid City Police Department is active in the Fraternal Order of Police. While the service member is out for extended military service, their dues to the FOP are paid by the RCPD so membership is not lost and the family can still receive support from them and utilize their facilities.

The Rapid City Police Department has Peer Support Program designed to provide confidential emotional support during and after times of personal or professional crisis. Service members transitioning back into the department are encouraged to reach out for support from this group.

"I just never expected all the support, which made my transition so smooth," said one service member of the Peer Support Group.

"The Chief's [Police Chief Karl Jegeris] message to all of his service member employees is 'Know your transition is at your pace. Our reintegration program and training days are there to help you feel ready to go back on patrol. You need to take care of yourself and your family. Take a breath and come back when you are ready. Our culture here is, when duty calls, you go and we will support you," Christensen said.

"The Rapid City Police Department is proud of their employee's military service as evidenced by their creation of a National Defense Ribbon that officers who served in the Armed Forces are able to wear on their uniforms signifying their military service," Christensen said. "They are deserving of this recognition for their outstanding contributions to our military services."

Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Hall, a member of the SDARNG's Joint Force Headquarters and a police sergeant in Rapid City, nominated his employer for the award and joined Chief Jegeris on stage for the presentation of the award from Gov. Daugaard, Reisch and Christensen.

#### The Williamson Militiaman Award – Retired Brig. Gen. R.J. Clifft

The SDNG next awarded the Williamson Militiaman Award to retired Brig. Gen. R.J. Clifft.

The Williamson Militiaman Award, established in 1987 by Maj. Gen. Ronald F. Williamson, recognizes an individual who exemplifies the spirit of the citizen-Soldier or Airman as shown by their community leadership, their support of the National Guard and the defense of the country.

Clifft served our state and nation for over 35 years in uniform, beginning with his 1970



(Photo by Staff Sgt, Heather Trobee)

Retired Brig. Gen. R.J. Clifft, center right, receives the Williamson Militiaman Award from, left to right, Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, SDNG adjutant general, Gov. Dennis Daugaard and retired Maj. Gen. Ronald Williamson, during the South Dakota National Guard Dining-Out. The award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the spirit of the citizen-Soldier/Airman as shown by their community leadership, their support of the National Guard and the defense of our country.

enlistment in the South Dakota Air National Guard. He completed undergraduate pilot training at Laredo Air Force Base, Texas in 1972 and returned to South Dakota after F-100 pilot training at Tucson, Arizona in 1973.

He served in various assignments and leadership positions over the next 32 years to include: squadron fighter pilot, instructor pilot, fighter weapons instructor, operations officer, 175th Tactical Fighter Squadron commander, Headquarters director of operations, Headquarters chief of staff, and assistant adjutant general, SDANG, when he retired in 2006.

He flew the T-37, T-38, F-100, A-7 and F-16 aircraft with nearly 3,500 military flying hours. As squadron commander, he led the first European F-16 deployment and the first Air National Guard rainbow combat deployment to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, patrolling the northern no-fly zone over Iraq.

Like the majority of citizen-Soldiers and Airmen, Clifft pursued a parallel civilian career, spending 22 years with Northwest Airlines and five years with Delta Airlines flying and instructing, accumulating over 10,000 civilian flight hours.

"His advocacy for the military and the future of the South Dakota Air National Guard at Joe Foss Field continued after retirement when he volunteered to co-chair the Sioux Falls Area Chamber Military Task Force Committee," Reisch said to the audience, before announcing Clifft by name. "He energized the task force efforts when the Air Force announced the criteria and timeline of basing decisions for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.

"His interaction with Gov. Daugaard, South Dakota's senators and congresswoman, the state legislature, Sioux Falls Mayor and City Council, Minnehaha and Lincoln County Commissions along with Air Force and National Guard Bureau leadership helped secure the long term future of the 114th Fighter Wing," Reisch continued.

"His efforts led to letters of support from the Sioux Falls Mayor and Sioux Falls Airport Authority, resolutions of support from the Sioux Falls City Council and Minnehaha County Commission, and House Concurrent Resolution No. 1002 supporting the selection of the F-35 aircraft bed down at Joe Foss Field with unanimous House and Senate support.

"I expect his outstanding contributions will lead to future F-35's in South Dakota and can personally testify to this man's passion for support of the military and commitment to the South Dakota National Guard," Reisch concluded

Past recipients of the award include: Former



(Photo by Staff Sgt, Heather Trobee)

Charles and Tanya Totten receive the Adjutant General's Family Award from Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, SDNG adjutant general, during the South Dakota National Guard Dining-Out. The award recognizes family members who support service members in an exemplary manner while managing family, careers, or even hardship, all the while not seeking recognition for their sacrifices. Also pictured is the Totten's daughter and her husband, Gabby and John Hoing.

Adjutants General Phil Killey and Harold Sykora; former U.S. Senators Tom Daschle and Tim Johnson; former Governors William Janklow and Michael Rounds; and current Governor Dennis Daugaard.

#### The Adjutant General's Family Award - Tanya and Charles Totten

To conclude the awards portion of the evening, Reisch awarded The Adjutant General's Family Award to Tanya and Charles Totten.

The award recognizes family members who have supported their service members in a truly exemplary manner while managing family, careers, or even hardship, all the while not seeking recognition for their sacrifices.

"The Totton family is the personification of the word 'volunteer," Reisch said. "Their willingness to offer their time and resources to ensure service members, veterans and their families in South Dakota receive support and recognition is the driving force behind their efforts."

In 2011, the Totton family began supporting Soldiers as committee volunteers and organizers of the 200th Engineer Company Camo Quilt Project to build 200 camouflage quilts and raise \$5,200 to pay for supplies and shipping. This exceptional effort was

recognized by the South Dakota Legislature when the group received a commemoration from the House (HC 1017) for their work.

They also partnered with Operation Military Kid to make Hero Packs for Chamberlain-area children whose military parents were deployed. Blankets were made for children from birth to three years old for their Hero Packs. Hero Pack backpacks contained age-appropriate items such as cameras and books and were given to children free of charge.

The Tottons decided they wanted to further support the troops, so they worked with the Camo Quilt Project to raise enough money to process 400 pounds of beef into jerky, which they sent overseas to the 200th En. Co. while the unit was deployed to Afghanistan.

In August of 2013, the Tottons were a sponsor of the South Dakota Enlisted Association Flag Relay Run across South Dakota. Since then, they have organized a civilian co-ed team for the 11th Annual Black Hills Veterans March and Marathon on the Mickelson Trail in the Black Hills.

In 2015, they won the "Marchers Favorite Rest Stop" during the BHVM where the crew manning the rest stop rang cow bells and served beef chislic with other staples to keep participants motivated and fueled to the finish.

Additionally, they also received first place

in the mixed co-ed team in the 16-mile mini march. In 2016, the Tottons continued to support the BHVM by organizing and participating on a team of marchers and are planning to continue their support and participation.

In September 2016, they continued in their unwavering support for local service members and veterans when they spearheaded an initiative which raised enough funds to cover the cost for over 200 veterans and their spouses to enjoy a complimentary beef brisket and prime rib dinner at the annual Fallfest Cook-Off in Chamberlain. The Chamberlain/Oacoma Sun newspaper recognized the Tottons and their "quiet support for military members and their families in a variety of ways for years."

The Tottons have displayed their unwavering support for service members, veterans and their families. They continually look for new, innovative and exciting ways to show their gratitude and support through their efforts. The Totton family truly embodies selfless service through their tremendous actions and we are honored to recognize their dedication and contributions that make our organization better.

### SDNG's commander in chief addresses Soldiers and Airmen

As the formal portion of the evening drew to its conclusion, the SDNG's commander in chief, Gov. Daugaard, took to the podium and recognized the SDNG for the many achievements and awards they received in 2016 on a national scale.

"It's truly been an honor to be your commander-in-chief over the last six years," Daugaard said. "Whether it's a time of war, or a disaster in our state, you have proven that we can count on you. I've witnessed your service firsthand while visiting Kuwait and Afghanistan, and I have been impressed time and time again with your response to emergencies here at home.

"To all the members of the National Guard here tonight and to everyone else in their lives, the people of South Dakota want all of you to know that we truly appreciate your sacrifices, your patriotism, and your hard work," Daugaard said as he closed his remarks. "Thank you for everything you do for us. May God bless you, may God bless the National Guard, and may God bless the great State of South Dakota."

## PRESIDENTIAL DUTY

## Soldiers, Airmen support 58th Presidential Inauguration

Story by SDNG Public Affairs Office

ore than 150 South Dakota National Guard Soldiers and Airmen were witnesses to history as they provided support to the 58th Presidential Inauguration of Donald J. Trump in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20. The S.D. service members were joined by more than 7,500 Guardsmen from 44 other states and territories to assist the District of Columbia National Guard and federal and local law enforcement agencies in providing security, crowd control and traffic management of attendees and support personnel throughout the U.S. Capital region.

The inauguration event was supported by a team of service members from the Rapid City and Sioux Falls-based 235th Military Police Company, the Sioux Falls-based 114th Security Forces Squadron, one

Spc. Kristin McCray, a member of the 235th, said it's something she will be able to tell her children about.

"It's history in the making," McCray, told an NBC reporter just moments after being worn in by the D.C. Metropolitan Police. "This is one of the most controversial elections out there. It's amazing being a part of it and saying that I was a part of it."

Master Sgt. Jonathan Runner, of the 114th SFS, added most don't get this kind of opportunity in their military career.

"It makes me stop and think – history is going to be happening here. And to be a part of this and a part of the group that's gonna be in support of this mission, for me it's pretty cool. It's a one in a lifetime opportunity for me, and very rarely in your military career do you get to do something that's so amazing."

McCray and Runner, along with thousands of other service members from dozens of other states, were sworn in by law enforcement officials at FedEx Field in Washington the day prior to the inauguration.

LEFT: Public spectators funnel through a security gate manned by military police personnel during the 58th Presidential Inauguration of Donald J. Trump in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20.
(Photo by Spc. Sarah Neugebauer)

BOTTOM RIGHT: Spc. Noah Gravette, 235th MP Company, answers questions from a spectator during the 58th Presidential Inauguration



public affairs support specialist from the 114th Fighter Wing and several medical support personnel from the Rapid City-based 82nd Civil Support Team and 109th Regional Support Group.

The historic event was one the Soldiers and Airmen were excited to be a part of and will never forget.

"It's exciting to be a part of this historical event," Maj. Joe Hardin, 114th SFS commander and officer in charge of the S.D. team said, during an interview with KSFY television in the days leading up to the event. "Not only for the National Guard but for the Soldiers and Airmen that will be there from South Dakota. A lot of excitement surrounding it."

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these young people to see the presidential transition of our country," added Col. Nate Alholinna, 114th Fighter Wing commander. "Not just a huge deal for the Air Guard but for South Dakota and the Army Guard." As a whole, National Guard Soldiers and Airmen augmented the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Capitol Police and D.C. Metropolitan Police forces on a range of support, including traffic control, crowd management, logistics and communication.

National Guard states and territories supporting the inauguration served under a specially created Joint Task Force - District of Columbia. The District of Columbia National Guard created JTF - DC





in response to requests for assistance from local and federal agencies in the National Capital region.

The S.D. team provided security and safety along the parade route between the White House and the Capitol and allowed spectators entrance into the inauguration via one of multiple gates.

While security officials reported there wasn't necessarily a heightened sense of security due to potential threats, riots or protesters, the

(Photo by Spc. Sarah Neugebauer)
U.S. Army Sgt. Scott Wolfe,
235th Military Police
Company, provides directions
to public spectators at a
security gate manned by
military and federal police
personnel during the 58th
Presidential Inauguration
of Donald J. Trump in
Washington, D.C., Jan. 20.



(Photo by Spc. Sarah Neugebauer)

235th Military Police Company Soldiers, 114th Security Forces Squadron Airmen and thousands of other Guardsmen are sworn in by D.C. Metropolitan Police at FedEx Field.

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard and his wife, Lynda, greet SDNG Soldiers and Airmen at FedEx Field, Jan. 19, in Washington D.C., ahead of inauguration activities.

National Guard was ready to respond if needed.

According to Hardin, the D.C. Guard provides support to the inauguration every four years and does it extremely well. No matter who is elected or the circumstances, it's the same mission every time.

"We take an oath to support and defend the Constitution and work for the president and the state of South Dakota," said Hardin. "To be out when the big machine is rolling out there, it's a first in my career, all the Soldiers and Airmen are excited to display their excellence."

One Soldier excited to provide support and who experienced protesters firsthand was Spc. Anthony Wika, of the 235th.

"You're part of history. You can say that you were there, at that moment," Wika told the Watertown Public Opinion of his experience. "Seeing a protest is very overwhelming because you don't get that back here in South Dakota. But we've been trained to deal with that."

While the protesters moved on without incident, Wika said he and his team members stayed focused to keep people safe.

"We didn't get to see much," he said. "A lot of (the job) was trying to maintain the knowing of what could happen next. (We were) helping out with the Secret Service. Working as a team. Coming together and working out for the public. That's what Guardsmen do."

National Guard support to presidential inaugurations dates back to April 30, 1789, when local militia members joined the U.S. Army and Revolutionary War veterans to form an honor detail and escort Gen. George Washington to his inauguration ceremony in New York City from Mount Vernon, Virginia. Over the years, National Guard involvement has grown and is designated to honor the commander-inchief, recognize civilian control of the military, and celebrate democracy.



(Photo by 1st Lt. Chad Carlson)

The South Dakota National Guard celebrates 155 years of service to the state and nation at Camp Rapid, Jan. 27. Pictured cutting into the ceremonially cake are, left to right: State Command Chief Warrant Officer 5 Todd Dressler; Brig. Gen. Russ Walz, director of the joint staff; Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general; Col. Marshall Michels, chief of staff; and State Command Sgt. Maj. James Hoekman, senior enlisted leader.



(Courtesy photo)

South Dakota Army National Guard Soldiers from the Army Aviation Support Facility in Rapid City are honored for their military service by members of the Black Hills Stock Show Foundation during their annual military appreciation luncheon at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Jan. 31.





(Photo courtesy Wyoming Army National Guard)

U.S. Army Spc. Josh Wangeman, 842nd Engineer Company, competes in the 2017 Western Regional Biathlon Competition at the Casper Biathlon Club on Casper Mountain, Jan. 10-14. Wangeman and his SD teammates competed against more than 70 biathletes from eight other states to advance to the Chief, National Guard Bureau Biathlon Championship in Jericho, Vermont, in March. Top finishers also had the opportunity to advance and be selected for the All-Guard Biathlon Team.

Members of the South Dakota Army National Guard stand with Cub Scouts from Pack 293's Wolf Den at a collection box in the Brig. Gen. Ernie Edwards Readiness Center in Watertown, Nov. 30. The Scouts collected and delivered clothing as a part of a community service project assisting the South Dakota National Guard's winter clothing drive. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are Cub Scouts John Schleusner, Landen Lewis and Isaac Rehorst, along with and Den Leader Eric Lewis, a sergeant first class in the SDARNG. Back row, left to right, is Sgt. Ist Class Casey Baumgarn and Kurt Bies, Sgt. Andrew Shultz, Staff Sgt. Pat Brown and Maj. Chad Wika.



Four F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 114th Fighter Wing fly in formation our the Shrine of Democracy, Mount, Rushmore, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, Nov. 9. This image is one in a series of photographs captured by Jim "Hazy" Haseltine who visited the South Dakota Air National Guard in November to shoot the 114th Fighter Wing's F-16s as they trained throughout the state of South Dakota.



Members of the Black Hills Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America deliver over 3,100 pounds of popcorn to the South Dakota National Guard at Camp Rapid, Dec. 28. The BHAC donates popcorn annually that is distributed to SDNG Soldiers and Airmen across the state. Pictured in the front row, left to right: Sgt. 1st Class Larry Railsback, Sgt. Marcie Miller and Staff Sgt. Richard Lewis. Back row: Maj. Duston Mullen, Tim Bouchard, Black Hills Area Council, Lt. Col. Kenn Kerfont, Lt. Col. Steve Sewell, Spencer Paulsen and Garrett Sausen, Black Hills Area Council.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Duane Duimstra

Col. Nate Alholinna, 114th Fighter Wing commander, swears in twin brothers, Logan and Whitley Barr, into the 114th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron phase shop Feb. 14, in Sioux Falls. The Barr brothers are the first enlistees to join the 114th Fighter Wing since the Air National Guard brought back the signing bonus which applies to select career fields.



## Message from the State Chaplain: "Why Worry?"

As a chaplain and pastor, I should be the perfect example of faith but I must admit I struggle with worry. Worrying about getting things done in time, worrying about anything that has to do with technology (not good at it!), etc. Perhaps you struggle with worry as well. Psychologists point out four contributory causes of worry:

- 1.) Rush Sickness: Trying to cram 30 hours of activities into a 24 hour day.
- 2.) Straining: Feeling you aren't getting ahead as fast as you should and straining harder for more promotions or more social approval.
- 3.) Mobility: Over 75 million Americans in a five-year period will change homes, uproot parents and kids from family, church and community (sometimes in the military it's impossible not to have some of this).
- 4.) Threat of Harm: People worry about what will happen to their family in the face of sudden destruction or accident.

A Harris Survey asked Americans what worries them and more than 70 percent said they worried about wasting too much time. Many said they worried about not reading enough, not attending church regularly enough and not being active enough in their community. But there are solutions for our worrying:

- 1.) Make a habit of not worrying about past mistakes. Yesterday has passed beyond our control. The Illinois Medical Journal writes, "All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot erase a single word we said."
- 2.) Make a habit of not worrying about things outside our control. The future may present to you challenges and even heartache. But can you stop tomorrow from coming? Tomorrow will come whether we

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worry about it or not. It is beyond our immediate control. It's not here vet, and nothing we do will either speed it up or slow it down.

3.) Make a habit of fighting the battles of just the day we're in. Again, to quote the Illinois Medical Journal, "Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities - vesterday



and tomorrow - that we are liable to break down."

A World War I French soldier carried with him this quote, "Of two things, one is certain. Either you are at the front, or you are behind the lines. If you are at the front, of two things one is certain. Either you are exposed to danger, or you are in a safe place. If you are exposed to danger, of two things one is certain. Either you are wounded, or you are not wounded. If you are wounded, of two things one is certain. Either you recover, or you die. If you recover, there is no need to worry. If you die, you can't worry. So why worry?"

The French soldier did not worry about tomorrow's battles.

Martin Luther said his favorite preacher was the little robin outside his window who took the bread crumbs he gave it, sang a song of praise, and never worried if tomorrow there would be more crumbs.

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matthew 6:34).

May you have a blessed, and worry-free rest of 2017! (And remember to keep our 153rd, 114th and 216th Soldiers, Airmen and families in your thoughts and prayers during their deployment!)

Sincerely,

Col. Lynn Wilson SDNG Full-time Support Chaplain

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